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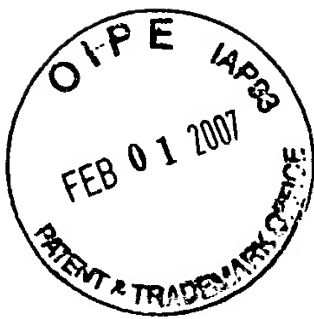
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In Response to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification mailed in January 16, 2007, Applicants hereby submit this Amendment in Response to Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification. Applicants believe that this paper is being timely filed, as it is being filed within the allotted time period of one month from the mailing of the Notice, which ends on February 16, 2007.

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